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For: **MR (MAGNETORESISTANCE) DEVICE AND  
MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE**

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on August 5, 2006. Applicant hereby elects the continuing prosecution of Species I as shown in Figure 2, and as recited in claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-14 without traverse.